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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 1725

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, PINT, TW

SUBJECT: SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENT CHIANG

REF: STATE 077790

1. AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN THAT KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET AT 07:00 LOCAL TIME APRIL 6 AND APPROVED SWEARING IN OF VICE PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN AT 1100 TODAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION. PREMIER WAS NOT EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FOR CEREMONY BECAUSE HE IS IN MOURNING. HEADS OF THE OTHER YUANS, GRAND JUSTICES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WERE TO BE PRESENT.

2. LOCAL NEWS REPORTS ANNOUNCED AT 1100 THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD MET AND PASSED FOLLOWING FOUR RESOLUTIONS:

A. PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S WILL WAS ACCEPTED (TEXT OF WHICH WE ARE NOW REVIEWING AND WILL TRANSMIT (SEPTTEL).

B. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE SWORN IN AT 1100

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 49 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

(THIS WAS CONFIRMED.)

C. A FUNERAL COMMITTEE OF 17 KUOMINTANG LEADERS WAS APPOINTED WITH YU KUO-HUA, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, CHIN HSIAO-I, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KMT AND FEI HUA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN AS CONVENORS.

D. THE RESIGNATION OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUA WAS REJECTED. (WE UNDERSTAND THE RESIGNATION WAS MERELY PRO FORMA).

3. CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL SUCCEED TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT UNTIL EXPIRATION OF THE ORIGINAL PRESIDENTIAL TERM (1978). THERE IS NOT SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW VICE PRESIDENT; HOWEVER, WE ASSUME PRESIDENT CAN CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO ELECT A VICE PRESIDENT IF HE CHOOSES. UNGER

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